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TIMBER CUTTINGS, 1976 AND JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1977, WITH COMPARISONS

Sawlogs cut in Louisiana for the year 1976 totaled 1,275,982,000 board feet. Cuttings were up by 31 percent over the previous year and 13 percent above the 1970-74 average. For the first two months of 1977 sawlog harvest is running 1.4 percent above a year ago and 17.3 percent above the previous five-year average.

The pulpwood cut of 3,316,862 cords in 1976 was 12 percent higher than in 1975 but 2 percent below the previous five-year average. So far this year cuttings are down 17.2 percent from last year and 8.5 percent below the 1971-75 average.

MARKET SUMMARY, FIRST QUARTER, 1977

Stumpage prices paid for pine sawlogs continued to rise with area increases ranging from \$6.00 to \$10.00 and averaging \$7.51 per thousand board feet statewide. The state average of \$114.75 per thousand board feet is 7 percent above the previous quarter and 24 percent higher than a year ago. Hardwood prices ranged from 3 to 9 percent higher compared with the last quarter of 1976.

There were no changes in pole prices from the previous quarter but most classes averaged substantially higher than a year ago averages.

Pulpwood stumpage averaged \$6.95 and \$3.00 for pine and hardwood respectively. Some areas experienced significant increases in both pine and hardwood prices; however, the increases were small on a statewide average.

Wood Chips averaged \$11.70 per ton for pine and \$10.20 for hardwood F.O.B. sawmill.

During the January-March quarter, the following U.S.D.A. Forest Service Sales for Kisatchie National Forest were reported. 1/

Specie	SAWLOGS		PULPWOOD	
	MBF <u>2/</u>	AVE. PRICE Dollars/MBF	Cords	AVE. PRICE Dollars/Cord
Syp	10,545	115.23	18,898	6.92
Mx. Hwd.	284	35.22	365	2.60

1/ Does not include salvage or other special sales.

2/ Scribner-Decimal "C" Rule.

ERAGE PRICES PAID TO LOUISIANA TIMBER PRODUCERS BY TYPES OF INDUSTRIES, JANUARY-MARCH, 1977
WITH COMPARISONS

Forest Service Sales are excluded from the following reported prices

						STATE AVERAGE		Same Period Year Ago
						Jan.-March 1977	Previous Quarter	
(A) Sawlogs (Stumpage)		Area 1 (Dollars)	Area 2 (Dollars)	Area 3 (Dollars)	Area 4 (Dollars)	Area 5 (Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)
Pine	M.Bd.Ft.	117.55	118.35	108.85	119.00	117.40	114.75	107.25
Cypress	"	40.00	55.00	43.75	40.85	43.00	45.10	40.95
Oaks	"	38.00	45.00	37.50	42.50	41.65	40.85	38.05
Gums	"	38.00	40.00	39.15	37.50	41.65	39.50	36.40
Willow	"	36.25	36.00	1/	39.15	38.00	36.70	35.60
Ash	"	38.75	61.00	1/	47.50	47.00	48.30	44.30
Cottonwood	"	38.75	43.00	1/	39.15	42.00	40.90	39.30
Mixed Hardwoods	"	38.35	44.15	33.40	39.15	36.85	37.65	37.40
(B) Sawlogs (Delivered)							152.80	
Pine	M.Bd.Ft.	154.65	158.75	149.15	153.35	153.35	145.50	145.10
Cypress	"	83.35	107.50	95.00	101.25	95.00	97.00	90.90
Oaks	"	84.00	97.15	86.65	95.00	96.65	92.15	90.05
Gums	"	84.00	92.85	90.85	91.25	96.65	91.45	90.10
Willow	"	83.35	91.00	1/	93.35	94.00	90.00	88.15
Ash	"	83.35	115.00	1/	98.75	101.00	100.00	93.60
Cottonwood	"	83.35	95.00	1/	93.35	97.00	92.50	89.10
Mixed Hardwoods	"	83.35	98.55	86.50	91.25	90.00	90.60	87.40

Poles, Barky (FOB Plant or Concentration Point) - Each -

30-Ft. Class	5	9.40	1/	9.55	1/	1/	9.30	9.30	8.85
"	6	7.60	1/	7.95	1/	1/	7.65	7.80	7.50
"	7	5.15	1/	6.65	1/	1/	5.90	6.00	5.95
35-Ft. Class	4	14.75	1/	16.20	1/	1/	15.40	15.60	14.30
"	5	13.15	1/	14.30	1/	1/	13.45	13.50	12.50
"	6	10.30	1/	10.70	1/	1/	10.40	10.55	9.75
"	7	7.65	1/	1/	1/	1/	8.40	8.50	7.55
40-Ft. Class	2	29.65	1/	1/	1/	1/	29.60	30.25	24.95
"	3	25.80	1/	23.60	1/	1/	24.50	25.00	21.60
"	4	20.50	1/	20.25	1/	1/	20.35	20.55	18.25
"	5	17.40	1/	18.10	1/	1/	17.60	17.85	15.90
"	6	13.50	1/	1/	1/	1/	13.85	13.85	12.20
45-Ft. Class	2	34.50	1/	33.60	1/	1/	34.05	34.55	30.70
"	3	30.90	1/	28.05	1/	1/	29.20	29.60	25.85
"	4	25.55	1/	24.40	1/	1/	25.05	25.30	21.90
"	5	21.80	1/	21.40	1/	1/	21.65	22.00	19.35
50-Ft. Class	2	40.65	1/	44.95	1/	1/	42.80	43.15	35.35
"	3	35.00	1/	33.50	1/	1/	33.95	34.50	30.65
"	4	29.60	1/	29.90	1/	1/	29.75	30.25	26.05
55-Ft. Class	2	48.35	1/	53.50	1/	1/	50.90	51.25	42.25
"	3	41.50	1/	45.10	1/	1/	42.80	42.95	36.30
"	4	37.70	1/	36.75	1/	1/	37.25	37.65	32.95
60-Ft. Class	2	56.30	1/	61.70	1/	1/	59.05	60.00	50.05
"	3	48.10	1/	53.85	1/	1/	51.10	51.40	44.40
65-Ft. Class	2	64.20	1/	70.60	1/	1/	67.40	67.75	58.05
"	3	56.30	1/	62.30	1/	1/	59.30	60.00	50.65
70-Ft. Class	2	73.20	1/	81.90	1/	1/	77.55	78.05	67.50
"	3	66.15	1/	70.00	1/	1/	68.10	67.75	62.45
75-Ft. Class	2	85.20	1/	1/	1/	1/	85.55	86.15	83.05
"	3	78.00	1/	1/	1/	1/	76.90	77.10	73.15
80-Ft. Class	2	99.70	1/	1/	1/	1/	99.10	98.90	97.60
"	3	85.95	1/	1/	1/	1/	85.40	86.60	84.10

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WITH COMPARISONS

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	<u>STATE AVERAGE</u>							
						Jan.-March 1977	Previous Quarter	Same Period Year Ago
3. <u>Pulpwood, Per Cord:</u>	<u>Area 1</u> <u>(Dollars)</u>	<u>Area 2</u> <u>(Dollars)</u>	<u>Area 3</u> <u>(Dollars)</u>	<u>Area 4</u> <u>(Dollars)</u>	<u>Area 5</u> <u>(Dollars)</u>	<u>(Dollars)</u>	<u>(Dollars)</u>	<u>(Dollars)</u>
Pine, Stumpage	7.50	6.20	6.85	5.90	6.80	6.95	6.80	6.50
Pine, FOB Car	31.65	<u>1/</u>	31.15	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	31.20	31.05	30.40
Hardwood, Mixed Stumpage	3.00	3.30	2.75	3.35	3.20	3.00	2.95	2.70
Hardwood, Mixed FOB Car	28.00	<u>1/</u>	25.20	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	26.65	26.20	26.00

1/ Insufficient number of quotes to report on area basis but included in Statewide average.

Note: The Doyle log scale is basis for board feet measurement.